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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR DIAGNOSIS AND
TREATMENT OF IRON
OVERLOAD DISEASES AND
IRON DEFICIENCY DISEASES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 3, 2002 (Paper No. 4),
please consider the following election and remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition For Extension of Time for one (1)
months from January 3, 2003, up to and including February 3, 2003.

REMARKS

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 2, 4 and 6, drawn to a
composition comprising an HFE polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID
NO:1, 2 or 3, classified in class 514, subclass 12 to be examined on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the
file history of the present application.